BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (BBST)

BBST 103 - Biblical Interpretation and Spiritual Formation Credits 3
Equipping to interpret and apply the Bible in accurate and dynamic ways for spiritual transformation and character formation. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Must be completed during the first year. Grade Mode: A. Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 165 - Foundations of Christian Thought Credits 3
Introduction to theology with special emphasis on learning to do theology, understand the doctrine of Scripture, introduce the integration of various fields of knowledge with the Bible, and see the importance and development of a Christian worldview. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Formerly BBST 105; must be completed during the first year. Grade Mode: A. Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 209 - Old Testament History and Literature Credits 3
An overview of the Old Testament with emphasis on the purpose of the writers; history and culture; literary genre, structure, and themes; persons and events, and practical application for Christian living. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Formerly BBST 109. Grade Mode: A, C. Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 210 - New Testament History and Literature Credits 3
An overview of the New Testament with emphasis on the purpose of the writers; history and culture; literary genre, structure, and themes; persons and events; and practical application for Christian living. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Formerly BBST 110. Grade Mode: A, C. Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 220 - Guided Study Credits 1-3
For those needing credits to complete their Bible requirement. Reading with written reports on biblical and/or theological subjects. Note(s): May be repeated with different content. Grade Mode: A. Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level. Repeat Limit (total number of credits): 6.

BBST 251 - Theology I Credits 3
The biblical doctrines of God, Christ, man and sin, with reference to the history and development of Christian theology. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A. Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165. Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 260 - Christian Theology Credits 3
The biblical doctrines of God, Christ, man, sin, salvation, the Holy Spirit, the church and last things with reference to the history and development of Christian theology. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Must be matriculated into an online degree program. Grade Mode: A. Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165. Restriction(s): Must be Applied Psychology (APSY) or Business Management (BMNG); and Undergraduate Level.

BBST 301 - Biblical Studies Research Seminar Credits 3
Research skills for use of the internet, library and reference works in biblical studies and theology. Methods of writing with emphasis on critical thinking, persuasion and evaluation are covered, culminating in a research paper and oral presentation. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Must be taken within the first two years at Biola. Grade Mode: A. Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 209, BBST 210. Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 306 - Early Christian History - Acts Credits 3
Study of the Book of Acts from a missions perspective, dealing with the activity of the early church and its current expression in evangelism and missions. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Students may only take one course out of BBST 306, BBST 316, or BBST 326. Grade Mode: A. Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 210. Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 311 - Biblical Backgrounds Credits 3
Contributions of archeology, geography, culture, and history to biblical interpretation. Note(s): May include abroad-study in lands of the biblical world. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A. Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 209, BBST 210. Restriction(s): Must be Bible, Theology, and Ministry (BBTM) or Biblical Ministries (BBMN); and Undergraduate Level.

BBST 312 - Principles of Interpretation Credits 3
Methods and principles for interpreting Scripture throughout church history and the present era. Theory is applied to texts with an emphasis on the grammatical-historical method. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A. Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165. Restriction(s): Must be Bible, Theology, and Ministry (BBTM); and Undergraduate Level.

BBST 316 - Gospel of John Credits 3
Authorship, occasion of writing, themes, theological issues, literary structure and content of the Gospel of John. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Students may only take one course out of BBST 306, BBST 316, or BBST 326. Grade Mode: A. Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 210. Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 320 - Methods of Bible Study Credits 3
Essentials of inductive Bible study will be applied to Old and New Testament genres of literature in order to equip the student with skills for observation, interpretation, application and edification. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A. Prerequisite(s): BBST 103. Restriction(s): Must not be Bible, Theology, and Ministry (BBTM); and must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 321 - Historical Theology Credits 3
Historical survey of people and movements which have shaped the faith of the Christian Church from post-biblical times to the present. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A. Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 251, BBST 354. Restriction(s): Must be Bible, Theology, and Ministry (BBTM); and Undergraduate Level.
BBST 326 - Lukan Writings  Credits 3
An exegetical examination of the New Testament books of Luke and Acts that focuses on evangelism and missions to encourage the ability to articulate the gospel and to formulate a growing personal vision for missions. This expository study also encourages students to reflect upon the unity and diversity within the community of the Christian church and to be prepared to interact on behalf of the gospel in a diverse world. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Students may only take one course out of BBST 306, BBST 316, or BBST 326. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 210.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 330 - Jesus' Life and Ministry  Credits 3
Chronological study of the gospels, similarities and differences between the writers, as well as the historical, cultural and theological factors aiding in interpreting events and teachings. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 210.
Restriction(s): Must be Senior Class; and Undergraduate Level.

BBST 340 - Guided Study  Credits 1-3
In-depth study of a specific book or books of the Bible including written report on the relevance of the book to the student's life. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 341 - Life and Letters of Paul  Credits 3
Authorship, occasion of writing, themes, theological issues, literary structure and content of Paul's writings set in the context of Paul's life and mission. May focus on a smaller unit such as Prison or Pastoral Letters. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 210.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 343 - General Letters  Credits 3
Authorship, occasion of writing, themes, theological issues, literary structure and content of non-Pauline letters. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 210.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 344 - 1 Corinthians  Credits 3
An in-depth analysis of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, emphasizing the historical and cultural background of the letter, its author, and its recipients; the theology of the letter, and the relationship between theology and ethics in Paul's instructions to the church. Focuses particularly on how Paul's ethical method can be appropriated in a twenty-first century context. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 210.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 354 - Theology II  Credits 3
The biblical doctrines of salvation, the Holy Spirit, the church and last things, with reference to the history and development of Christian theology. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): Formerly BBST 254. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 360 - Pentateuch  Credits 3
Mosaic authorship, historical and cultural backdrop, themes, theological issues, literary structure and content. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 209.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 365 - Bible Theology and Integration  Credits 3
An intermediate integration class in which the student will study a particular area of biblical studies and/or theology. The class will include an integration component to explore how the area is integrated with an area of culture (i.e., history, literature, psychology, sociology, etc.) outside of biblical studies and theology. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Note(s): BBTM majors may take different versions of this course up to 4 times for credit. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 165, BBST 209, BBST 210.
Repeat Limit (after first attempt): 3.

BBST 371 - Early History of Israel  Credits 3
Selected biblical books or topics from the period of the conquest through the establishment of David's kingdom, focusing on historical, cultural and theological issues that aid in interpreting events and texts. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 209.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 372 - Later History of Israel  Credits 3
Selected biblical books or topics from the period of the kings and prophets from Solomon through the return from exile, emphasizing historical, cultural and theological issues that aid in interpreting events and texts. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 209.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 380 - Wisdom and Poetic Literature  Credits 3
Authorship, date of writing, historical and cultural backdrop, themes, theological issues, literary structure and content of Job through Song of Songs. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 209.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 381 - Selected Psalms  Credits 3
A study of the book of Psalms with a view toward understanding its purposes and appropriate uses. Attention is given to the poetic (and musical) character of this material. Different types of psalms are identified, compared, and contrasted in order to determine how these psalms were likely used in antiquity. Students are led to experience the different types of psalms so as to gain insight into how they might be appropriately used today. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 209, BBST 251, BBST 354.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 391 - Major Prophets  Credits 3
Authorship, date of writing, historical and cultural backdrop, themes, theological issues, literary structure and content. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 209.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.
BBST 392 - Minor Prophets  Credits 3
Authorship, date of writing, historical and cultural backdrop, themes, theological issues, literary structure and content. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 209.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 393 - Isaiah  Credits 3
A study of the book of Isaiah with a view toward understanding the prophet's own historical context as well as the Exilic and post-Exilic periods which are the focus of much of the second half of the book. Attention is given to important themes and the major teachings of Isaiah, to the relevance and application of the book's message in the prophet's time and in the time following his lifetime. Different types of prophetic literature are identified, with time devoted to the interpretation of prophetic literature and its relevance for individuals and the church today. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 209, BBST 251, BBST 354.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 394 - Daniel  Credits 3
An exegetical, theological and expositional study of the Old Testament book of Daniel covering introductory matters, historical and cultural backdrops, literary structure, the big idea and key themes of each major section, and how to teach Daniel in a church context. While the methodology primarily reflects canonical theology, implications for practical and systematic theology are also included. The focus is theocentric, aimed toward knowing God's person and work through the book of Daniel. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 209, BBST 251, BBST 354.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 413 - Biblical Theology Seminar  Credits 3
Focus on exploring the methodology of biblical theology, both deductively and inductively, with the goal of attaining an awareness of its central issues and a competence in the exegetical-theological skills it requires. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 209, BBST 210, BBST 251, BBST 301, BBST 311, BBST 312, BBST 354; and BLGR 102 or BLHE 102.
Restriction(s): Must be Bible, Theology, and Ministry (BBTM); and Undergraduate Level.

BBST 414 - Systematic Theology Seminar  Credits 3
Focus on engaging a single topic of biblical revelation with attention to the exegetical, philosophical and practical dimensions in a systematic theology discourse. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 209, BBST 210, BBST 251, BBST 301, BBST 311, BBST 312, BBST 354; BLGR 102 or BLHE 102.
Restriction(s): Must be Bible, Theology, and Ministry (BBTM); and Undergraduate Level.

BBST 430 - Advanced Study: New Testament  Credits 1-3
Independent student research and writing in addition to a seminar style classroom atmosphere for the study of selected texts and/or topics. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 210.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.
Repeat Limit (after first attempt): 10.

BBST 440 - Advanced Study: Old Testament  Credits 1-3
Independent student research and writing in addition to a seminar style classroom atmosphere for the study of selected texts and/or topics. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 209.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.
Repeat Limit (after first attempt): 10.

BBST 450 - Advanced Study: Systematic Theology  Credits 1-3
Independent student research and writing in addition to a seminar style classroom atmosphere for the study of selected texts and/or topics from either or both testaments, thematically arranged to emphasize biblical, historical and/or systematic theology. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 251, BBST 354.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.
Repeat Limit (after first attempt): 10.

BBST 451 - Character of God  Credits 3
A biblical and theological exploration of God's character. Attention is given to the biblical basis for our understanding of who God is and the implications this has for our daily lives. Seeks also to gain a greater understanding of recent challenges to the classical understanding of the character of God. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 251, BBST 354.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 452 - Theology of Gender  Credits 3
An advanced seminar on the theology of marriage and family. Attention is given to the biblical and theological underpinnings of our understanding of marriage and family, with an additional focus on the practical implications this has on our daily lives. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 251, BBST 354.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 453 - Theology of Marriage and Family  Credits 3
A biblical and theological analysis of the contemporary evangelical gender debate by examining its history, most important contributors, divergent evangelical views (e.g., egalitarian and complementarian), and key biblical texts. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 251, BBST 354.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 455 - Romans  Credits 3
Study of Paul's theology and worldview as contained in the book of Romans, with special attention given to introductory and historical matters. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 210, BBST 251, BBST 354.
Restriction(s): Must be Biblical & Theological Studies (BBLE); and Undergraduate Level.

BBST 458 - Theology of Mission  Credits 3
Study of God's redemptive acts in Scripture on behalf of mankind, with application to the mission of the church today. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. Grade Mode: A.
Prerequisite(s): BBST 209, BBST 251, BBST 306 or 316 or 326, BBST 354.
Restriction(s): Must be Undergraduate Level.
BBST 465 - Integration Seminar  
**Credits 3**  
Senior level capstone seminar in which the student will search the Bible and the literature dealing with the topic(s) under discussion in the course leading to the discovery of means whereby the subject area may be 'integrated' with Biblical truth. The results of the research will be incorporated in a paper or project which will be critiqued by the seminar members and by the professor. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. **Grade Mode:** A.  
**Prerequisite(s):** BBST 209, BBST 210, BBST 251, BBST 354.  
**Restriction(s):** Must be Senior Class; and Undergraduate Level.  
**Repeat Limit (total number of credits):** 6.

BBST 471 - The Apostolic Fathers  
**Credits 3**  
Students will read and discuss the earliest Christian documents composed after the apostolic age, spanning the years A.D. 95-160 (e.g., Aristides, Clement of Rome, Ignatius, Justin Martyr, Papias, Polycarp), with a focus upon compositional purpose, historical setting, theology, and connections with New Testament documents. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. **Grade Mode:** A.  
**Prerequisite(s):** BBST 210, BBST 251, BBST 301, BBST 312, BBST 354.  
**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 475 - Puritan Theology  
**Credits 3**  
Traces the history of Protestant spiritual formation from Martin Luther and John Calvin to the English Puritans and acquaints students with the history, theology, and theological influences of relevant theologians. Emphasizes the doctrinal distinctives of the Puritan movement and includes reading primary sources from that era. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. **Grade Mode:** A.  
**Prerequisite(s):** BBST 103, BBST 165, BBST 251, BBST 354.  
**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

BBST 480 - Directed Research  
**Credits 1-3**  
Guided independent reading, research, problem-solving and preparation of a formal paper or project done in consultation with a selected professor. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. **Note(s):** Students may receive no more than a total of 6 credits counted towards graduation for BBST 480 and BBST 490 combined. **Grade Mode:** A.  
**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.  
**Repeat Limit (total number of credits):** 6.

**Credits 3**  
A consideration of the issues raised by the use of the OT in the NT. Special attention is given to the hermeneutical presuppositions and exegetical methods employed by the NT writers as they appropriate the OT scriptures, and to the theological implications that arise from their use. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. **Grade Mode:** A.  
**Prerequisite(s):** BBST 251, BBST 301, BBST 312, BBST 354; BLGR 102 or BLHE 102.  
**Restriction(s):** Must be Bible, Theology, and Ministry (BBTM); and Undergraduate Level.

BBST 490 - Practicum  
**Credits 1-3**  
Supervised experience in teaching biblical studies. Includes course preparation, observation and evaluation. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Biblical and Theological Studies. **Note(s):** Students may receive no more than a total of 6 credits counted towards graduation for BBST 480 and BBST 490 combined. **Grade Mode:** A.  
**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.  
**Repeat Limit (total number of credits):** 6.